

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members John Warshow and Chris Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Building Superintendent Ernie Penley; Visitors Scott Batchelder, Scott and Sheila MacIver, Janet Nielsen

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** The Board agreed to add a request by Jenny Bartlett to use the covered bridge, a request to change the name of Marshfield Pond Loop, and a concern about overnight parking at the Old Schoolhouse Common.

**Trees on Hillside Drive:** Scott Batchelder addressed the Selectboard about dead trees on Hillside Drive that are endangering his property. The situation is unusual because in most cases, town roads are right-of-ways and the landowners still own the property. This situation appears to be different; the land under the road was deeded to the Town in 1990. The Board feels that in this case the trees belong to the Town. The Board will get proposals to have them cut.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** Ernie asked the Board what is going to be done about drainage around the OSC. He worries that when the ground freezes again, the water will come into the gym again. He also wants to buy a de-humidifier to prevent condensation in the summer. Chris stated that before the building was insulated, the heat loss probably kept the ground from freezing up against the building. Now the ground freezes close to the foundation and the water follows the foundation and comes in below the tar line. The Board will talk to Dan to see what his schedule is. Chris will purchase a de-humidifier.

Ernie stated that there has been more vandalism at the OSC. Someone set foam material on fire between the mailboxes. He worries that it's only a matter of time before they set fire to the building.

**Old Schoolhouse Common rental space:** The Board approved renting the former Historical Society space to Michael Schumacher. A winter parking ban will be added to the leases for all tenants.

**Dog Warrant:** Bobbi sent a letter to owners of unlicensed dogs, stating that the licenses were due April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Selectboard would be issuing the dog warrant. Scott and Sheila MacIver came to tell the Board that they will get their dogs licensed by Thursday. The Board signed the warrant and agreed that they would not impound their dogs before Thursday.

**Lister Errors & Omissions:** The Board approved changes to the grand list for Christ Covenant Church, William and Susan Goss, and Justin Kuehn.

**Local Emergency Operations Plan:** Bobbi left the meeting at 7:00 to attend the Fire Department meeting to review the Local Emergency Operations Plan and install new software.

**Martin Covered Bridge:** The Board approved allowing a wedding to take place at the Martin Covered Bridge.

The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board has prepared a baseline documentation report for the property surrounding the covered bridge (when they gave the Town a grant to help with the restoration and the town granted them a preservation easement, a report was prepared only for the bridge; they neglected to include the surrounding land).

**Cemeteries:** John will stop at the Dwinell Cemetery to look at the stone wall. He will talk to Marcel Dutil about fixing the gate at the Rich-Hollister Cemetery. Joe Mangan will need topsoil for Eaton Cemetery. Chris will talk to him.

**SASS Ave:** John will contact the Town Attorney to discuss the status.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the August 5, 2014 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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